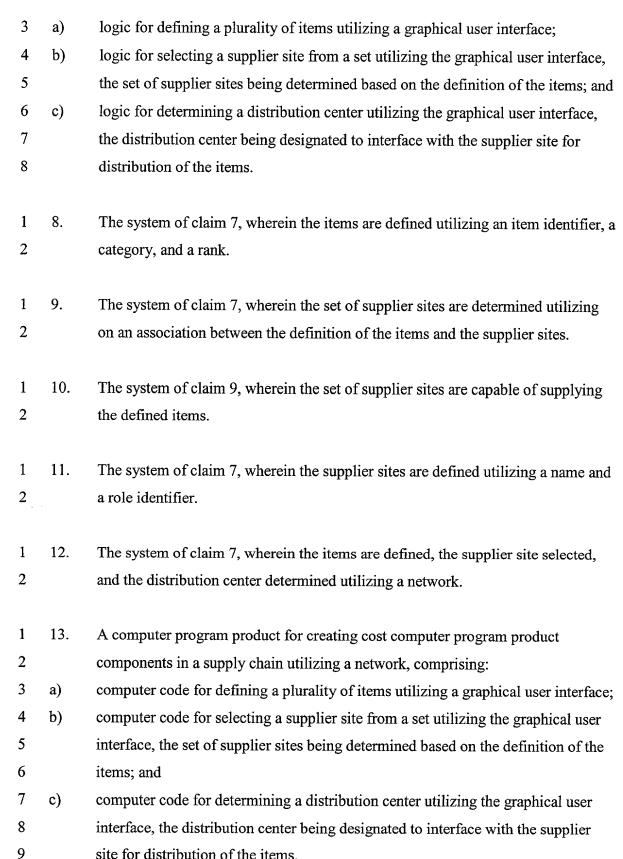
## **CLAIMS**

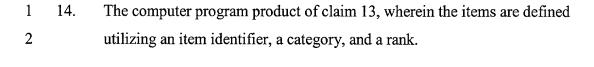
## What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for creating cost system components in a supply chain utilizing a
2		network, comprising:
3	a)	defining a plurality of items utilizing a graphical user interface;
4	b)	selecting a supplier site from a set utilizing the graphical user interface, the set of
5		supplier sites being determined based on the definition of the items; and
6	c)	determining a distribution center utilizing the graphical user interface, the
7		distribution center being designated to interface with the supplier site for
8		distribution of the items.
1 2	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the items are defined utilizing an item identifier, a category, and a rank.
1 2	3.	The method of claim 1, wherein the set of supplier sites are determined utilizing on an association between the definition of the items and the supplier sites.
1 2	4.	The method of claim 3, wherein the set of supplier sites are capable of supplying the defined items.
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- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the supplier sites are defined utilizing a name and a role identifier.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the items are defined, the supplier site selected, and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.
- 1 7. A system for creating cost system components in a supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:



site for distribution of the items.



- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the set of supplier sites are
  2 determined utilizing on an association between the definition of the items and the
  3 supplier sites.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the set of supplier sites are capable of supplying the defined items.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supplier sites are defined utilizing a name and a role identifier.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the items are defined, the supplier site selected, and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.